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The House met at 3 p.m. and was called to order by the Speaker pro tempore (Mr. McEACHIN).

DESIGNATION OF THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

The SPEAKER pro tempore laid before the House the following communication from the Speaker:

WASHINGTON, DC,
March 29, 2022.

I hereby appoint the Honorable A. DONALD McEACHIN to act as Speaker pro tempore on this day.

NANCY PELOSI,
Speaker of the House Representatives.

PRAYER

The Chaplain, the Reverend Margaret Grun Kibben, offered the following prayer:

Eternal God, on this 50th anniversary of the Vietnam war, we pray Your divine blessing on those veterans who left hearth and home to respond to the call of our Nation. We give tribute to their faithfulness to the ideals of freedom and democracy, even when the winds of war blew with increasing uncertainty.

We pray for those who, in the ambiguity of conflict, found themselves faced with unimaginable ethical dilemmas and who are now left with indelible moral trauma. Bless those who yet tend to lingering physical and emotional injury. Give each of them peace when the nightmares overwhelm and the echoes of battle resound in their slumber.

May all who returned unwelcome find themselves received into Your warm embrace and upheld by Your loving and everlasting arms.

Grant eternal rest to those comrades whose names are ever memorialized on granite walls and gravestones across the country. May they now know Your peace.

Holy and merciful God, mend the wounds of war, both seen and unseen, individual and corporate, that as we commemorate this anniversary, we would acknowledge the cost of war and honor the value of peace.

In the everlasting strength of Your name we pray.
Amen.

THE JOURNAL

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to section 11(a) of House Resolution 188, the Journal of the last day's proceedings is approved.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Will the gentlewoman from New Mexico (Ms. HERRELL) come forward and lead the House in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Ms. HERRELL led the Pledge of Allegiance as follows:

I pledge allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America, and to the Republic for which it stands, one nation under God, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all.

ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair will entertain up to 15 requests for 1-minute speeches on each side of the aisle.

HONORING ARMY SPECIALIST ROGER DEARMYER

(Mr. HIGGINS of New York asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Mr. HIGGINS of New York. Mr. Speaker, I rise on National Vietnam War Veterans Day to honor U.S. Army Specialist Roger Dearmyer, a western New York native and Purple Heart recipient who passed in December 2021.

Roger deployed to Vietnam in 1966 with the Fourth Infantry Division of

the United States Army. Spending much of his deployment in the jungles of Vietnam, he was injured in action in April 1967.

Roger returned home and served as an Erie County sheriff's deputy for 31 years.

He remained active in the veteran community as a member of the Fourth Infantry Division Association and the Military Order of the Purple Heart Chapter 187.

In 2019, we presented Roger with the medals he earned while serving, including a Purple Heart, a Vietnam Service Medal with a triple Bronze Star attachment, and a Combat Infantryman Badge.

I ask my colleagues to join me in honoring Roger Dearmyer, a man who lived a life of service to his family, his community, and his country.

CONGRATULATING IOWA'S HIGH SCHOOL BASKETBALL ALL-STATE HONOREES

(Mrs. MILLER-MEEKS asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend her remarks.)

Mrs. MILLER-MEEKS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the achievements of several young ladies from my district.

In early March, the Iowa high school women's basketball State championships were held in Des Moines. These young women took to the court, gave it their all, and made their schools proud. I was thrilled to see several young women recently earned all-State honors from the Des Moines Register.

Kelsey Joens of Iowa City was named to the All-Iowa Elite team. Halle Vice of Pleasant Valley was named to the Class 5A team, and Callie Levin of Solon was named to the Class 4A team. Kaylee Corbin of Louisa-Muscataine and Kelsey Drake of Wilton were named to the Class 2A team.

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